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TWO MEN ACCUSED IN AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO DERAIL A PASSENGER TRAIN MAKE THEIR FIRST COURT APPEARANCES



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Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter, right, arrives on Parliament Hill on Tuesday with Rehtaeh Parsons' mother Leah Parsons, middle right, and her partner, Jason Barnes, as well as Rehtaeh's father, Glen Canning, back left, and his wife Krista, back right. They came to discuss the Rehtaeh Parsons case with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

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Parsons' family meets with Harper

Criminal code. Nova Scotia pushes for 10-year penalty for distributing intimate images without consent in wake of teen's death



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Rehtaeh Parsons' family met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper privately Tuesday to discuss possible changes to the criminal code in the wake of their daughter's death.

Parsons' father Glen Canning said after the meeting he doesn't know what the federal government can or will do, but said the meeting with Harper was "heartfelt" and he said he was convinced the prime minister cares about his daughter's case.

Helpless

"The way the laws are set in Canada right now, there was absolutely nothing we could do but stand there and watch her die."

Glen Canning, father of the late Rehtaeh Parsons

And he was very clear about what the family is asking for.

"I'm looking for someone who posts a picture of someone with the intention of completely destroying their life to be held accountable for doing that," Canning said.

"And right now they just weren't. And that's frustrating. That's very frustrating."

The family, as well as the Nova Scotia government, has been pushing for changes to the Criminal Code that would make it an offence to transmit intimate images without consent.

Those calls grew louder as news of Parsons' death spread across the country. Her family alleges she was sexually assaulted at a party and images of the 15-year-old were transmitted online.

Parsons attempted to hang herself on April 4 and was taken off life support days later.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the federal government would do its part in protecting victims' rights, but did not discuss specifics about any proposed changes to the criminal code.

"Changes to the Criminal Code will be separate from (victims'-rights legislation)," Nicholson, who also met with the family, said Tuesday. "But, nonetheless, we want to have one document that victims can look to (to) ensure that their rights are being protected and know what remedies (are) available to them."

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City wants new vision for suburban planning

Proposals sought.

Old thinking on subdivision design not working: Documents



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Antiquated thinking on suburban design is creating problems for the City of Ottawa, necessitating a rethink of subdivision design that both accommodates multi-car households and creates walkable communities, according to a request for proposals issued Tuesday.

Ottawa City Hall is looking for a firm to come up with a new set of suburban subdivision design standards, bringing together bureaucrats, public utilities and private developers.

"With lot sizes getting smaller, issues of parking (residential and visitor), trees, sidewalks, snow storage and utility placement have come in conflict," reads the request for proposals. "New approaches to subdivision design are needed to avoid these conflicts in new subdivisions going forward. Parks and open spaces must also be examined in terms of their location and role as part of a neighbourhood's fabric."

The overall goal of the new

design standards, expected in 2014, is to create new suburban communities that balance the needs of multi-car households while ensuring "complete communities." The reality is that most suburbanites are going to drive, the report notes, but walking within the community should still be a "viable and instinctive option."

Specifically, the city is looking to review "design elements" including residential and visitor parking, rear lanes, trees, utility placement, street layout, parks and school sites.

Each element has its own set of challenges. Tree canopies, for instance, are difficult to achieve due to the fact most of suburban Ottawa is built on marine clay soils. And conventional parking standards are not being followed with larger vehicles encroaching on streets, limiting both parking and inhibiting walking

fing.

The consultant, once selected, will be expected to wrangle together a wide range of interests, including 14 representatives from various city departments, three reps from utilities, Hydro Ottawa and school boards, and another three reps from the development industry. Meeting with up to 10 suburban councillors will also be required.

The new standards are expected to take up to a year to develop, at a cost of \$125,000.



Pair sought in March bank robbery

Police have released security images of two suspects and a black Nissan Altima getaway car in a March 28 holdup at a Barrhaven bank branch last month. Around 11 a.m. on March 28, a man dressed head to toe in black made repeated demands for cash from tellers and other bank workers at a branch on Strandherd Drive. Both suspects are described as white, and the Altima driver is described as having short-cropped hair and as being larger than the man who entered the bank. The man who made the demands for cash is said to be 25 to 30 years old, six feet tall and roughly 190 pounds. He wore black gloves, sunglasses and a handkerchief covering his face. Anyone with information is asked to contact the robbery unit at 613-236-1222. POLICE HANDOUT

A look back

Women in focus at Gatineau Beerfest

The Gatineau Beerfest is using this year's event to put the spotlight on the long and storied history of women in the beer industry.

The festival, taking place at the end of May, will feature the impact women have had on the beer industry over the course of its history.

"Women have been part of this industry for much longer than we think," said Manu Teixeira, one of the event's organizers.

"On the site, there's going to be lots of signs



explaining the impacts of women on beer history."

The festival is also moving to a larger venue closer to Ottawa, in an attempt to bring more tourist foot traffic.

The three-day event will be housed at Jacques Cartier Park, where organizers expect to draw 35,000 to 40,000 people. A total of 55 exhibitors have signed on
— three-quarters of them
brewers, offering more than
350 distinct brews, with food
vendors rounding out the
roster.

Organizers are attempting to make the festival a family-friendly event, with live music and street performers, seminars on women's impact on beer history, and an overriding philosophy of "drink less, drink better."

The Gatineau Beerfest will be held from May 24 to 26. Tickets are \$12 per day or \$24 for all three days, and are available at festibieredegatineau.ca.

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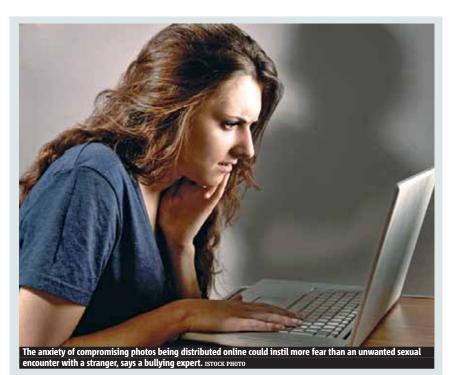


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Power to show naked pictures online enough to coerce teens into prostitution, prof says

Threats to distribute naked pictures of six teen girls allegedly made by two accused teen pimps would have been enough to coerce the girls into prostitution, said a University of Ottawa bullying expert Tuesday.

"The shunning and fear of that instils more fear than having a sexual encounter with a stranger. That speaks volumes," said Tracy Vaillancourt, a Canada Research Chair and expert on children's mental health who studies bullying and peer victimization.

"Girls bully other girls and call them sluts. That's the worst that you could be called, in a sense," she said, pointing out the alleged victims in the case would have an easier time keeping one-on-one sexual encounters private rather than having lewd photos of themselves distributed online.

At the Elgin Street courthouse Tuesday, one alleged victim told a defence lawyer who asked why she didn't run from a john's car that naked pictures kept her there.

"They threatened to steal my stuff and tell people what I did and probably send the pictures out to people," said the girl, who cannot be named as the result of a publication ban.

She says she was lured on Facebook with offers to hang out, get a fake ID and go clubbing. She says she was ambushed when she met up with them. She says the girls dressed her up, smothered her with makeup and took photos of her naked and wearing lingerie with a camera phone and sent them on to a waiting jobn

"It speaks to the power of the peer group," said Vaillancourt, who notes that part of the problem is that a lot of teens today have parents that didn't grow up online. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Alleged pimping victim in tears following defence lawyer's 'walk on the wild side' barb

Trial. Teen says she feared blackmail, abuse, but lawyer charges cocaine was what really scared her



A teen girl allegedly pimped out by two others was taking a "walk on the wild side" when she met two johns and got in too deep, a defence lawyer charged Tuesday before the girl began to sob on the witness stand.

"Word got out on the street that (accused 1) and (accused 2) were spending time with men, being escorts and getting paid for it," said attorney Ken Hall, as he suggested what happened the night of May 18, 2012, when the

17-year-old girl says she was sexually exploited.

"The turning point was when man 2 brought the white lines out," said Hall, referring to the second alleged john the girl encountered and her testimony that he had white lines of powder on a table in his apartment connected to a warehouse in Ottawa's east end. "That's when the whole house of cards came crashing down. That scared you?"

The teen indicated she was scared of him already, since he was more than twice her age and suspected the white powder may have been cocaine.

"I wanted to get out of there already. But it made it scarier for me," she said before she asserted she didn't lie in her statement to police.

She then covered her mouth to stanch her sobs before leaving the stand.

The two girls are among three teens accused of pimping out six teen girls not much younger or older then themselves between May 18 and June 3, 2012. The trio face a litany of charges including human trafficking, procuring for prostitution and forcible confinement.

The second alleged john in the case took the stand in the afternoon to describe how he first made contact with one of the accused girls via a Craigslist ad in 2011.

"She came over, we had pizza. We had vodka cranberry," he said of their first meeting months later in the spring of 2012, noting that the 15-year-old had a fake ID that said she was in her 20s and that the meeting was for "communication," conversation."

"She was fine, she understood," said the man, who said he paid her \$160 for keeping him company. "It was time well spent."

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Defence lawyer Ken Hall, referring to the second alleged john the girl encountered and her testimony that he had white lines of powder on a table in his apartment.





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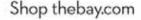
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Men deny VIA Rail terrorist plot; 'Let police do their job,' says dad







Talk about a media scrum! John Norris, Raed Jaser's lawyer, is surrounded by microphones and cameras at a Toronto courthouse on Tuesday. Jaser is seen in a court sketch at bottom right. Co-accused Chiheb Esseghaier, top right, attended court in Montreal. Both are charged in what the RCMP says is the first al-Qaida plot in Canada. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Al-Qaida in Iran to blame? Two charged over alleged plan to hit passenger train appear in court

Two men charged in an alleged al-Qaida-supported terror plot to attack a VIA Rail passenger train disputed the allegations against them Tuesday as they made their

first appearances in court.

Raed Jaser, 35, and Chiheb Esseghaier, 30, are facing several terrorism charges each in what the RCMP is calling the first known alleged plot in Canada directed by the terrorist organization.

Esseghaier, who appeared in court in Montreal, stood calmly in the witness box and asked to address the court.

"The conclusions were made based on acts and words which are only appearances," he said. The judge, Pierre Labelle, explained it wasn't the right venue for his remarks.

Both Esseghaier and Jaser are charged with conspiracy to murder for the benefit of a terrorist group, participating in a terrorist group and conspiring to interfere with transportation facilities for the benefit of a terrorist group.

Esseghaier faces an additional count of participating

in a terrorist group.

If convicted, they could be

sentenced to life in prison.

Several family members attended Jaser's brief Toronto court appearance.

"Of course I am supporting my son, of course," said his father, Mohammed Jaser, as about two dozen journalist surrounded him. "Let the police do their job."

Jaser and Esseghaier were charged Monday in an alleged plot that the RCMP said involved "direction and guidance" from al-Qaida in Iran.

Tehran, meanwhile, de-

nied any links with an alleged plot and said the al-Qaida terrorist network had no presence in Iran.

The country's foreign ministry spokesperson, Ramin Mehmanparast, told reporters on Tuesday that groups such as al-Qaida have "no compatibility with Iran in both political and ideological fields"

He called the Canadian claims part of Ottawa's hostile policies against Tehran.

Ontario idea

All aboard ... for security checks on trains?

The Ontario government wants to talk with its federal counterparts about beefing up security on passenger trains after the arrest of two men accused of planning to attack a VIA Rail train.

Attorney General John Gerretsen says airport security has received the lion's share of attention, but he thinks it may be time to change that.

Gerretsen wants federal and provincial security experts to look at the possibility of airportstyle checks for passenger trains and other forms of public transport. He admits checking passengers' bags before they board trains is a possibility.

Gerretsen also says he was very pleased with the working relationships between the Ontario Provincial Police, RCMP and U.S. law-enforcement agencies in the latest arrests.

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Jihad sites held deadly allure for Boston pair

The dead Boston bombing suspect, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was an ardent reader of jihadist websites and extremist propaganda, U.S. officials said Tuesdav.

And evidence suggests he and his wounded brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, were both motivated by an anti-

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"This has been the most difficult week of our lives."

The family of schoolboy Martin Richard, the youngest of three people killed at the Boston Marathon finish line, who was laid to rest after a funeral mass

American, radical version of Islam, the officials said.

Officials said Tamerlan, 26, frequently looked at extremist sites, including Inspire magazine, an Englishanguage online publication produced by al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate. The magazine has endorsed lone-wolf terror at-

Meanwhile, Dzhokhar, 19 — suffering from a gunshot wound to the throat — was questioned in hospital by investigators, who let him write down his replies.

He has been charged with using and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction.

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Faraway tears

U.S. investigators travelled to southern Russia on Tuesday to talk to the parents of the Boston Marathon bomb suspects.

- Mother. The suspects' mother, Zubeidat Tsarnaeva, appeared outside her home for the first time since the furor.
- Sadness. She is in "very bad shape" and cries as she watches video of her dead son, said rights activist Heda Saratova.

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Korean War. Canadians honoured during 60th anniversary of armistice

There doesn't seem to be any other place in the world where perpetual enemies stare at each other in plain sight, with their feet firmly cemented to the ground and rock-hard fists at the ready for a battle that could come any minute — or not at all.

The Korean War still hasn't officially ended even after North and South Korea agreed to a ceasefire nearly 60 years ago. To this day, Republic of Korea guards keep watch on their neighbour to the north, whose main building lies just a stone's throw away within the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

So what's stopping soldiers on either side from jumping at each other's throats?

"Not much," says Korean War veteran Frank Bayne.

The former second lieutenant from Guelph visited the DMZ with 35 other Canadian veterans Tuesday as part of a commemorative trip organized by Veterans Affairs Canada to mark the 60th anniversary of the armistice. He said

Honouring our heroes

Dozens of young military personnel at Sang-Seung Observation Point in South Korea greeted the Canadian delegation with open arms at a briefing, which concluded with a moving video expressing their gratitude to Canadian forces.

The trip comes as North Korea's Kim Jong-un has unleashed new threats to ignore the armistice and unleash a nuclear strike on South Korea.

he was one of the few troops who fired the final rounds of ammunition the day it was signed in 1953.

"So at midnight we all fired and then we went off and got drunk," said Bayne with a chuckle.

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No tips for Trudeaus, says Laureen Harper

Living in the public eye. PM's wife says she could probably learn something from Liberal leader Justin Trudeau's wife, Sophie

Laureen Harper has no tips for the Trudeaus about raising a young family in the public eye.

In fact, Harper says, she could probably take lessons from newly elected Liberal leader Justin Trudeau's wife, Sophie. "I wouldn't give her any advice — they are more public," Laureen Harper said in a recent interview.

"She would walk down the street and people know her. I walk down the street and nobody would know me."

When Stephen Harper became leader of the Conservative party in 2004, the Harpers'

children were nine and five; the Trudeaus' are six and four.

In the nearly 10 years the Harpers have spent living in the public eye, they've kept Ben and Rachel mostly out of the spotlight, save for the obligatory family Christmas cards and occasional photo op.

The Harpers do make regular appearances at the children's extracurricular events, including sports tournaments on the weekends.

But the Trudeaus already have a much higher public profile among Canadians, Laureen Harper said. "They would probably have to deal with it a lot more than me."

Sophie Trudeau is a former model and television host, well-known in Quebec if not in the rest of the country.

Justin Trudeau has been in the spotlight since the day he was born; his father Pierre Trudeau was prime minister at the time. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Laureen Harper says the Trudeau family is much more public than the Harpers were when her husband became leader of the Conservative party in 2004. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Forecast. Canada Post could have billion-dollar losses by 2020, report says

A think-tank commissioned by Canada Post is warning that the Crown corporation will be losing \$1 billion a year by the end of this decade.

The Conference Board of Canada says the postal service is being hit by a dramatic reduction in volumes in the age of digital communication.

It estimates that the volume of bills, invoices, advertising and publications handled by Canada Post will decline by more than 25 per cent by 2020.

The volume of parcel delivery is expected to buck the trend and grow by 26 per cent due to online shopping, but the Conference Board says it won't be enough to offset the revenue lost in other areas.

The report estimates \$576



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million a year could be saved by the elimination of door-to-door delivery for urban homes that get it—about one-third of Canada's households.

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Sun News lobbies for guaranteed spot on dial

Sun News Network, the conservative-minded upstart that vowed to shake up the media landscape when it launched two years ago, made its pitch Tuesday to the federal broadcast regulator for a guaranteed

spot on the dial.

The Quebecor-owned network is seeking what is known as mandatory carriage from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, which would require the channel to be included in every basic cable and satellite package across Canada. Mandatory carriage would generate significant revenue for the network.

Poland. New regulations aim to force ritual-slaughter trade to minimize animal suffering

Poland's prime minister said Tuesday his government has drafted new regulations that would reduce the suffering of animals during slaughter, including for the needs of religious groups like Jews and

Poland is covered by European Union laws allowing for ritual slaughter, but the country's own regulations say that an animal must be stunned before slaughter, including the

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ritual practice of having its throat slit then bleeding out. Donald Tusk said his government wants to reconcile these approaches and ban the most drastic slaughter methods.

Ritual slaughter of animals is an important export earner for Poland, with markets in Israel and Muslim countries. It also offers thousands of jobs, at a time when Poland's jobless rate soared to 14.3 per cent.

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Loyalty program

Outgoing CEO says Rogers needs to 'significantly' up customer service

Rogers Communications says it plans to launch a loyalty rewards program this year, as part of a bid to improve its relationship with customers.

Outgoing CEO Nadir Mohamed said Tuesday the wireless, cable and media company needs to improve its customer service "significantly."

We "will actually further work to reinforce this idea that we value our customers (and) we reward our customers for staying with us," he told reporters in Toronto, before the company's annual meeting.

Some longtime customers have turned to the customer-service department to request discounts on their payments. They want the company to demonstrate that the company "values their tenure," he said.

While details of the rewards program weren't revealed, a broad range of the telecom company's services will be recognized in the program. It will also extend to its banking and credit-card services, which are expected to launch sometime this year.

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India's outsourcing firms face U.S. backlash

Hewlett-Packard employees work at the company's Business Process Outsourcing centre in Bangalore, India, in this 2007 photo. For years, India's multibillion-dollar outsourcing industry skated over criticism that it was eliminating white-collar jobs in rich nations. Now, the industry's long-held fears of a backlash are being realized in its crucial U.S. market. Provisions in an overhaul of U.S. immigration law will close loopholes that allow outsourcing companies, both Indian and American, to pay guest workers in the U.S. at rates often below wages for equivalent-level Americans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE.

Foreign workers program is meant for high-skilled positions, Carney says

Last hurrah. At his final appearance before the finance committee, BoC governor tackles variety of sensitive subjects

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says the controversial temporary foreign workers program should not be used to drive wages down or to fill lower-skilled jobs.

Speaking to the Commons finance committee for the last time before his departure for London in June, Carney said the intent of the program is that it be used primarily to fill needs for high-skilled jobs temporarily, until businesses can train Canadians to take over.

In a two-hour appearance Tuesday, Carney used the occa-



sion to touch on a number of politically sensitive subjects, including governthe ment's move increase to tariffs on imports from 72 countries, the labour market, the

Canada-U.S. price gap, and the contentious foreign-workers program.

The challenge of a skills shortage is not unique to Canada, Carney said, but the solution is training — not bringing in temporary foreign workers. Contrary to some views, he added, Canada's labour market is among the most flexible in terms of mobility among industrialized countries.

RBC outsourcing furor

The foreign-workers program became a hot potato for the federal government after news broke that an outsourcing company doing work for the Royal Bank of Canada brought in foreign workers to do work that had been done by about 45 Canadians at the bank.

He added that the program should concentrate on shortages of high-skilled workers, and not on service jobs and other lower-wage categories that critics say are now being filled by foreign imports. The solution to that, said Carney, is for employers to pay higher wages and improve productivity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Liquid gold. Thief makes off with rare scotch worth \$26K

Toronto police are looking for a thief with expensive taste.

They say a man went into a downtown liquor store earlier this month and went to the vintage section, where he selected a rare bottle of 50-year-old Glenfiddich Single Malt scotch

The 700-millilitre bottle, which was in a glass case, is worth \$26,000. Police say the



man then selected a bottle of wine and paid for that, but left the store without paying for the scotch.

A securitycamera image of the suspect is posted on the po-

lice website. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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If you're that kind of person, Mars One is for you. All you need to do is convince the Mars

cial kind of person.

One people that you're the best nutbar of all the nutbars applying for the nutbar job, plus you've got the \$33 registration fee. Deadline is Aug. 31, 2013.

his or her fellow castaways.

Before you sign up, you should know that the average temperature on Mars is -55 C.

That will give applicants from Siberia and Canada the inside track. If you're from Novosibirsk or Winnipeg, it will feel just like home.

Other than thicker-than-normal heads or blood, applicants require no special skills, as they will spend seven years training and getting ready.

So, as you'd expect, the gallery of geeks featured on the Mars One website are all cut from the same cloth: basement dwellers with bad facial hair. And that includes the women, with the clear exception of Ilona, 23, from Finland. You could almost imagine spending the next 63 years in a hermetically sealed bin with Ilona, who says she wants to devote herself to the good of mankind and enjoys the humour that comes from well-crafted subtlety.

Such as the prospect of being stuck on Mars with Jason, 24, from the U.S., who has an associate degree in welding and aspires to a bachelor's degree in welding engineering, for the rest of her life.

Somehow I think all this is going to end in tears. Too bad that on Mars, no one can hear you scream.



If you haven't already experienced the amazingly awkward Experience Regina tourism video with its still shots

of high school graduation, the 'snax' bar and a bikini-clad Prairie babe, check it out on YouTube. In light of the Queen City video's fresh press (though the video is from 2008) we've dug up more tourism fails (or works of genius) from the video-sharing site.

Woody Goomsba visits Leavenworth, WA:

"Shouting out to the centre of the state certainly is done best to rap music with kilt-wearing ladies grinding a wooden mascot named Woody Goomsba while Mrs. Goomsba looks on angrily.

Vancouver Tourism with **Karen Campbell:**

According to Vancouver Tourism's an cient video, Vancouver is the 'simply spectacular' land of mermaids, cowboys and retired tourists - and also, a lot of people wearing florescent crop tops. Can you find dancer Karen Camp

Pattaya Country:

OK, maybe not 'everybody' is dancing, but certainly this young Thai boy is getting his groove on in Pattaya, Thai-land. But it seems like there's only enough for one dancer in this South Asian destination - as he steps back from provincial lines, his moves seem to go with him.

RE: How The World Will Change In 2043: We'll Turn Into Bots And Upload Our Memory, published April 22

I think those futurists are a bit looney and need to be taken back to the lunatic asylum for their meds. I'm sorry I might work in IT but I prefer keeping the hardware outside of my flesh. Uploading our memories to the Internet in a cloudbased system would be a bad idea. Would you want a hacker to be able to hack into your brain directly? As for people switching limbs out for

robotic limbs, I don't see that happening. If I hold hands with a girl I want it to be her physical hand not a metal plastic monstrosity unless she was in some sort of accident.

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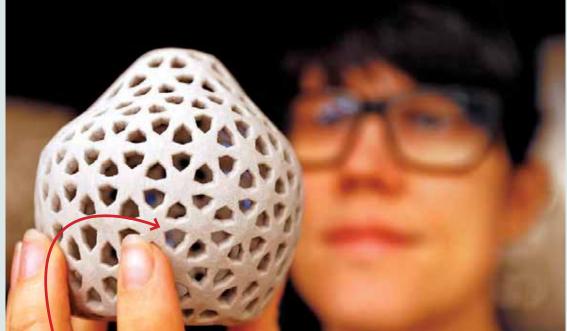
"Progeny of the oblivious"? Sorry but the future children you talk about won't be oblivious to their world just because their parents are. Look at the current youth generation difference and their parents which you also comment on. The apple does fall far from the tree, and then rolls off in another direction.

DaleWale posted to metronews.ca

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Would you like insects with that?



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tastes like chicken

Designer Penelope Kupfer displays a biscuit made from insect flour at the Wellcome Collection in London, England, on Tuesday.

The exhibition of illuminated, room-high insect traps, dramatic light projections of creepy crawlies and 3D printing of food made from bugs is a

new installation called

Insects au Gratin which explores the benefits of eating bugs, as part of a new series called Who's the Pest? organized with Pestival the cultural organization dedicated to our relationship with insects and the natural

world.

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Slimy yet satisfying

Have you ever imagined yourself on Fear Factor, eating bugs? The exhibit aims to expand our invertebrate consumption by suggesting that

entomophagy (eating insects) is a sustainable solution to

impending food crisis.

Apparently, insects can be nutritious: four grasshoppers provide the same amount of calcium as a glass of milk. And, by weight, dung beetles have more protein than beef.

The installation, which runs through May 5, allows quests to draw the shape of their food and experiment with 3D printing. METRO

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Interview

The American dream, plus a lap dance or two

If anyone is living the American dream, it's Bar Paly. In the last few years, the Israeli actress and model has been landing increasingly bigger roles in TV and film, including parts in How I Met Your Mother and The Starter Wife, and in the film A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III.

So it seems fitting that her biggest project to date is a dark riff on the American dream. Pain & Gain is a true crime story about a group of bodybuilders (dubbed the Sun Gym Gang) doing bad things in mid 1990s Miami.

According to Paly, the story shows what happens when people try to skip hard work in pursuit of fortune.

"The moral of the story in the end is that greed is bad. There are no shortcuts (to success)," she says.

In the film, Paly plays a stripper with big ambitions of becoming a Hollywood star, and she admits it was intimidating walking onto a set with a list of big names.

"It was so overwhelming," she says. "First off, it's a Michael Bay set, and I know to him it's a small budget film, but it's the biggest thing I've ever done. And on top of that you have to act against Mark Wahlberg. I was trying to pretend that everything is cool, but inside I was screaming 'I'm reading lines with Wahlberg."

She credits Bay for putting her at ease by first shooting scenes where she didn't have to talk.

"In the first few days he gave me the scenes where I didn't have to actually talk too much, it was more the lap dance and sex scenes," she says, laughing. "It was like, 'Hi, nice to meet you Mark Wahlberg, now here's my





Nuptials often turn nasty going down theatre aisles

The Big Wedding. The latest big screen effort is just one in a long line of movies where hilarity and horror dominate the story



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In The Big Wedding, a longdivorced couple, played by Robert De Niro and Diane Keaton, pretend to be happily married at their adopted son's wedding for the benefit of his biological mother.

Hijinks ensue, but like all movies with the word "wedding" in the title, audiences don't buy a ticket for the shenanigans. They go to see the ceremony.

Anything that happens before the walk down the aisle is window dressing, the jour-

Famous quotes

"Don Corleone, I am honoured and grateful that you have invited me to your home on the wedding day of your daughter. And may their first child be a masculine child."

Luca BrasiIn the famous wedding scene in The Godfather

ney that gets the audience where they really want to be — at the altar.

The famous wedding scene in The Godfather — including the much-quoted Luca Brasi line, "Don Corleone, I am honoured and grateful that you have invited me to your home on the wedding day of your daughter. And may their first child be a masculine child," — featured many Staten Island Italian-Americans as extras.

They were invited to the set to enjoy homemade wine, traditional Italian food and enjoy themselves as though it were a real wedding.

Inspiration for the film

Four Weddings and a Funeral came when writer Richard Curtis realized he had been to 72 weddings in 10 years.

The movie, about a confirmed bachelor who discovers love, made an international star of Hugh Grant, who won the role after auditioning with a tape from when he was best man at his brother's wedding

Both those films, plus others like Wedding Crashers, My Big Fat Greek Wedding and Fiddler on the Roof feature wonderful wedding scenes. But what about when nuptials turn nasty?

Who could forget Mr. Robinson howling, "You punk!

You crazy punk! I'll kill you!" at the lovesick Benjamin (Dustin Hoffman) in The Graduate after he interrupted the wedding of Elaine Robinson (Katharine Ross) to another man? Elaine leaves her intended at the altar, running off with Ben to an uncertain future, creating one of the classic endings in movie history.

In Runaway Bride Richard Gere plays a reporter investigating the story of Maggie Carpenter, a serial bride who has had multiple disastrous weddings, leaving three men at the altar. "Always a bride," she says, "never a bridesmaid!"

The biggest bummer wedding in movie history has to be in Kill Bill Vol. 2.

"How it happened, who was there, how many got killed and who killed them, changes depending on who's telling the story," says The Bride (Uma Thurman). "In actual fact, the massacre didn't happen during a wedding at all. It was a wedding rehearsal."

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Bynes gets her gym membership revoked for smoking pot

Amanda Bynes' outlandish behaviour reportedly got her kicked out of her New York City gym this weekend when she was caught smoking marijuana in the women's locker room, according to RumorFix.

Management at the Planet Fitness location even went so far as to revoke Bynes'

membership. "Planet Fitness does not allow lunks to work out here, and especially no weedsmokers," a staff member tells the site.

Bynes of course denies the allegations, telling RumorFix, "I don't smoke in the bathroom. I also don't smoke pot, I smoke tobacco.'

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I got your nose, Ryan, do you love me now?



WORD

Ryan Lochte is having a hard time finding love.

"I haven't been in a relationship in a year," the Olympian and star of the new reality TV show What Would Ryan Lochte Do? tells the new issue of In Touch. "Every time I date someone, I end up getting

The problem, it seems, is that he doesn't know if women are after his giant brain (this is the man who wore a fake grill on the Olympian podium and coined the catchphrase "Jeah!" so by "giant brain" I might be using slight sarcasm) or for his public persona.

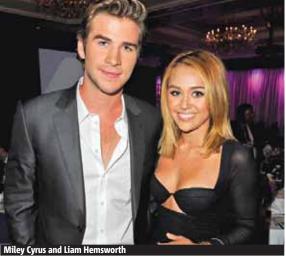
"I don't know if they're just after my fame and money or if they like me for who I really am.'

But if he could find someone he really does like, what is he looking for?

"A girl that's fun, classy and sweet who I can have a conversation with," Ryan

"If she can make me smile and laugh, I'm sold!"

My advice for his next potential love interest? Pretend to take his nose. He would be so enamored of your magical powers, you'd be unstoppable.



Can't a girl take off her engagement ring?

Despite indications of trouble between Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth, the pair are "still engaged," according to E! News.

"They live together. The wedding is not off," a source

"You can't postpone a wedding that never had a date in the first place. Their

plan all along was to wait a couple of years before even thinking about a date.'

As for the eyebrows Cyrus has raised by stepping out multiple times without her engagement ring?

'She just doesn't wear it sometimes," the source adds. "People shouldn't read too much into that.'





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"One of the hottest comedians in Canada right now, who stormed the Just For Laughs festival."





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In the land of Disney, the princess always reigned supreme. However, though Sleeping Beauty's Castle, the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique and those ever-popular princesses may get a lot of the attention, Disneyland and California Adventure offer a pixie dustless world for the guys in your life too — all in time for Father's Day in June.

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Four things for the boys in Disneyland

Cars Land

Route 66 comes to life for plain-old cars and animated Cars lovers alike. California Adventures' newest attraction is set in the world of Radiator Springs, where characters from the animated movie motor down Main Street. Rides include Luigi's Flying Tires, a modern floating-on-air version of bumper cars and Mater's Junkyard Jamboree, where tractors whip and spin you around. The highlight is Radiator Spring Racers, which takes you on a leisurely car ride through a wind-carved setting before drag racing your way to the finish line.



Don't miss: Characters from the animated film regularly park near the Cozy Cone Motel to have their photos taken.

Star Tours

Ask a 30- or 40-something father what his favourite movie was growing up — then ask his son the same question — and the likelihood is they may have the same answer: Star Wars. With Disney taking over control of the series, there may be more themed rides in the future. Until then, Star Tours is still the place in Disneyland to enjoy a ride through the galaxy while using the force to avoid the black-gloved wrath of Darth Vader. The 3D ride takes you on a Starspeeder, cruising at light speed through George Lucas' sci-fi universe.



Don't miss: A Jedi Training Academy takes place daily at the Tommorowland Terrace, where kids are shown how to use lightsabers.

Pirates of the Caribbean

This is one of the original rides at Disneyland — long before Johnny Depp swaggered his way through the films as Captain Jack Sparrow. And there's a reason why Pirates has always been popular: it's fun. The boat ride starts in the calm Louisiana Bayou but soon takes you deep

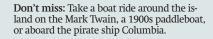


into the dark world of hidden treasure, sea battles, and the pirateterrorized town of Puerto Dorado. It may sound scary, but it has a number of light-hearted moments to tame the pirate terror.

Don't miss: Captain Jack Sparrow makes a number of appearances during the ride, so keep your eyes peeled for him.

Pirate's Lair on Tom Sawyer's Island

Located in a man-made lake on the edge of Frontierland, the island is a giant playground for kids of all ages. A river raft ferries you from the main park across to the island, where dirt trails lead you to hidden caves, hilltop forts, wood and rope bridges and pirate's treasures.





Looking for more Disney vacation ideas? Metro's Elisha Dacey is currently at Disney-world in Florida with Breakfast Television and Cityline's recent contest winners. Check out her blog at metronews.ca





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Travel smart

Some tips ... on tipping



ON THE MOVE Loren Christie life@metronews.ca

Many front line staff in the hospitality industry rely on tips to make a living wage. Although I do believe that they should be earned, not expected, it is important to assume the best and factor in the appropriate gratuities when planning your next holiday.

For servers in North American restaurants you should be leaving 15 per cent before tax at a minimum, including cost of drinks. For exceptional service you could bump that up from 18 to 20 per cent. In Europe they often include the tip in the bill, but an additional five to 15 per cent is appreciated. In Australia and New Zealand, just leaving five per cent is acceptable. In the Scandinavian countries and Japan, you are not expected to leave anything.

If you are staying in for



some room service, always check the bill to see if a service charge has already been added on. It usually is indicative of a pooled tip, to be divided up by the entire department. If your server was particularly good, you may wish to give something extra but are certainly not obliged to do so.

Hotel room attendants tend to be the forgotten ones of the hospitality world. I like to leave \$2 to \$5 per day on the bed with a note of thanks. If you prefer to give one tip at the end of a longer stay, leave an envelope at the front desk. Note your room and number and dates of stay on the envelope and that you would like it divided among all the staff that serviced your room.

Hotel porters and bellhops should receive \$1 to \$2 per bag and parking valets \$2 to \$5. Tip the valet up front to ensure better service when it's time to leave. Taxi drivers in North America expect a 10 to 15 per cent tip. In Europe, simply round up the fare and in most Asian countries don't worry about it. A concierge often provides the most varied of services, so an appropriate tip could be anywhere between \$2 and \$20 depending on the complexity of your request. I would consider a standard restaurant reservation on the lower end of the scale and securing last minute tickets to a sold out concert on the upper end.

Ottawa brings the North down south

Festival. Beginning this week, Canada's capital plays host to art and more — all from the land of the midnight sun

The National Arts Centre is bringing the North to the South this spring with a 10-day festival featuring northern artists, musicians, singers, chefs, writers and storytellers who blend the traditional with the contemporary.

Every two years, the centre showcases a region of the country. In 2011, it was the Prairies. This year, the North will be the focus from Thursday until May 4.

"We certainly do have probably the largest representation of artists from the North that's ever been brought together out-

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side that region," said executive producer Heather Moore.

The festival features music and theatre, art and culture, food, film, fashion, fiddlers and folklore.

People will be able to sample smoked Arctic char tacos and elk poutine from a local food truck run by a former Yukon resident. Three northern chefs will be paired with three Ottawa chefs to try their own interpretations of char, reindeer and other northern fare.

As a whole, the Northern Scene offers a glimpse of an arts scene that many rarely see.

"I think people are going to be quite surprised at the scope and the variety and just how contemporary everything is," said Moore.

Some of the artists, such as Susan Aglukark, are household names, while others are unknown to people in the south.

"We've got very worldly people who have travelled everywhere and we've got some people who haven't been south of Fort Simpson" (in the Northwest Territories), Moore said.

In all, the festival features about 250 artists in more than 50 events. Moore said previous versions have attracted 50,000 people and she sees no reason this year should be different.

While some performances are already sold out, there are also free events. The arts centre itself, which sits on the bank of the Rideau Canal within sight of the Parliament Buildings, will be the main venue, from its foyer to its various theatres and studios. The CANADIAN PRESS



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Want an insurance job? Shine your shoes

Jobs. What to expect, how to prepare, and how to follow up after your big interview

CASSANDRA JOWETT

If you really want to impress an insurance employer in a job interview, it all comes down to one thing: always be prepared.

One of the biggest mistakes students and recent graduates make is coming in unprepared, says Trevor Buttrum, Career Connections (career-connections.info) program manager at the Insurance Institute of Canada. Being unfamiliar with the company, being unable to make connections or draw parallels between your experience and the role, or showing up late are the three biggest insurance industry job interview don'ts, he adds.

Keep reading to find out what to expect during, how to prepare for and how to follow up after your next job interview with an insurance employer:

What to expect

Most interviews for insurance jobs involve a two-step process:

The telephone screen

The process may start with a telephone screen conducted by a recruiter in the company's human resources department. "The telephone screen is designed to confirm that you meet the criteria for the position, establish your understanding of the role, and get a sense of your style or approach," Buttrum ex-

The in-person interview

If you meet the requirements of the telephone screen, it will usually be followed by one or two in-person interviews that may now include the hiring manager and other colleagues involved in the process. "Don't let it throw you if it is a panel interviewing you - these are now common place!" Buttrum

in-person interviews will most likely be behavioural or competency-based, he says. "Think, Tell me about a time when...' or scenarios that get at aspects of the job. The employer is looking for you to make connections between what you have done and how it will help you to be successful in your potential new role.

How to prepare

Find out what you'll need

When you're invited for the interview, whether it's by phone or email, always ask if there's anything that you should bring. Here's why:

"I once had an employer say, 'Good thing you asked, I almost forgot to mention that we would like to see an example of a presentation you have developed. Could you supply us with a version on a USB key?" Buttrum recalls. "I would have never just 'had one on hand' in an interview."

Know yourself

In a job interview situation, knowing exactly how your education and experience will benefit the employer and the role you've applied for is half the battle.

Ideally, you've already determined this in order to tailor your resumé and apply for the job in the first place, but if not, learn as much as you can about the role and map out how you fit the bill, Buttrum says.

Practise your answers to typical job interview questions with a trusted friend or career counsellor and introduce examples from your experience into the conversation. Buttrum recommends using the STAR method to help you answer the interviewer's questions:

- Situation Setting the stage: Who, when, where, why? (five per cent of your answer).
- Task What did you do? What was your role? (five per cent of your answer).
- Action How did you do it? What steps did you take? (70 per cent of your answer).
- Result What happened? What was the outcome (20 per cent of your answer).

Do your research

How much do you know about the company, its business, core values and any other unique aspects to it?

"Web research, reading trade publications, checking out examples of their consumer marketing and talking to industry professionals are great ways to gain these types of insights," Buttrum explains.

"This information enables you to further tailor your answers to the employer's questions and might help you develop some of your own."

Dress for success

"Insurance is a traditional industry and, although business casual is becoming the norm for day-to-day in the workplace, it is suggested that you go business formal for the interview," Buttrum advises.

What does that mean? "Suit jackets, blazers, pressed pants, blouses, collared shirts, ties, nicely-shined shoes and kneelength skirts are what come to mind," he adds.

How to follow up

Should you or shouldn't you? When and how often? These are all questions that tend to plague students and recent graduates following their job interviews.

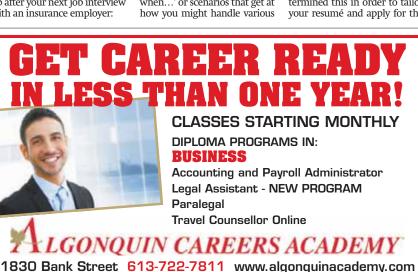
"Before you leave the interview, ask what the next steps are in the process and when the employer anticipates moving forward in their decision mak-Buttrum recommends. 'Keep this date in mind and use it as a temperature gauge for when to follow up next."

From there, don't push too hard. "Like any relationship, high frequency or intensity followup can send the wrong message," he says, adding that the

process may be taking slightly longer than expected, hiring may not be the person's primary responsibility and other priorities may have arisen since your interview. "Be sure to give the employer a little leeway.'

Frame your followup as checking in to see where they are in the process rather than asking whether or not they have reached a decision, and let the employer know you are happy to answer any questions or provide additional information which might support the process, Buttrum advises.

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Five ways to choose an employer

As a student or recent graduate who wants to hatch a career in insurance, it can be tempting to apply to any and all insurance employers that are hiring. But not every employer offers the same experience. Here are five strategies for choosing the insurance employer that is right for you:

CASSANDRA JOWETT

Looking for a place to fold your umbrella and drop you briefcase? There are a few things to consider first. ISTOCK



Company size

There are more than 200 employers in the insurance industry, some with more than 5,000 employees and some with as few as five employees. They operate in major cities, like Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver, and in small towns across the country. Company size may be a consideration for you if you're looking for a closeknit family environment (smaller) or the opportunity to work in a number of different departments and locations (larger). Many insurance employers will mention how many employees they have on their TalentEgg profile, LinkedIn profile or on their corporate website in the About Us or Careers sections.

Insurance niches

Insurance can cover everything from vehicles and homes to health and pets, casinos and churches, and everything in between. While many of the large insurance companies offer a wide variety of insurance policies, there are some that specialize in certain industries or types of risk.

If your experience, expertise or interest lies in one of those areas, it may help you narrow down which employer to start your career with.

The National Insurance Marketer is designed to help Brokers look for markets for their specialty, niche and non-standard risks.

Support for professional development

As an aspiring insurance professional, you're probably eager to put a few letters after your name, such as CIP, CAIB or CRM, just to name a few (that's Chartered Insurance Professional, Canadian Accredited Insurance Broker or Canadian Risk Management for those not in the know). Perhaps you even want to pursue an MBA or postgraduate certificate related to insurance part-time while you work. No matter what your professional development plans are, it's essential that your employer is, at the very least, morally supportive of your endeavours.

Community work and social responsibility

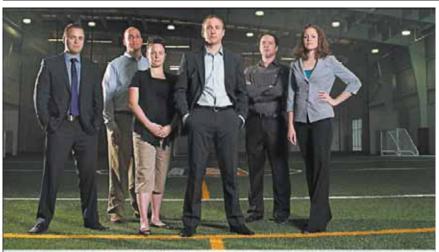
At the end of the day, insurance companies are for-profit businesses and many of them are very profitable — it's one of the reasons why the insurance industry is such a stable place to start a career.

Most insurance employers make it a priority to find ways to invest those profits back into the communities in which they operate through employee volunteer work, fundraising and charitable donations.

Check out the Corporate Social Responsibility or Community sections of companies' websites.

The people

Current employees are invaluable sources of information. After all, they already know exactly what it's like to work for their employer and can tell you everything you won't find in a job listing or corporate website. Plus, if you get along well with some of the people who already work there, chances are you'll have no trouble fitting in. Meet insurance professionals on your campus. Real insurance professionals working for dozens of different employers often volunteer their time to speak with students about career opportunities in the industry.



Looking for a New Job?

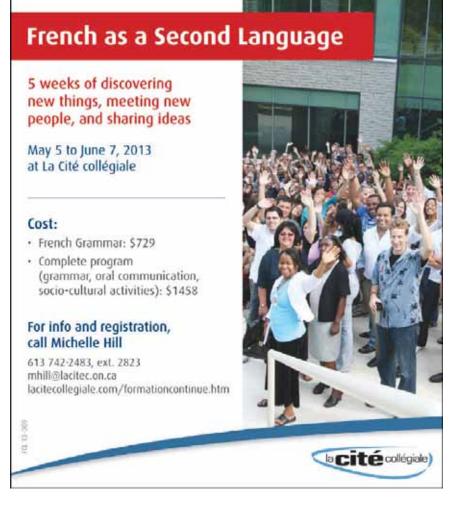
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Lasagna gets an under the sea makeover — shrimp and all



You can use any combo of fish you like in this creamy lasagna, but I like shrimp for its sweet flavour and firm texture. Don't use a fish that's too delicate or it will fall apart.

- **1.** Preheat the oven to 375 F. Spray a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with cooking oil.
- 2. To make seafood mixture, heat the oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Sauté the garlic, bell pepper and leeks for 5 minutes or just until tender.
- 3. Add the seafood and sauté until the fish is opaque, approximately 3 minutes. Pour off any excess liquid. Set aside.
- **4.** Combine the flour, stock, milk and mustard in a non-

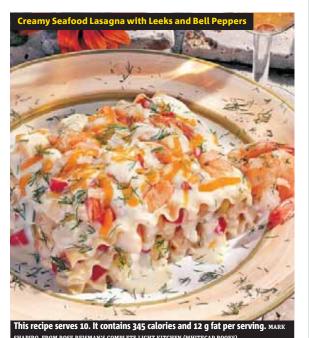
stick saucepan and stir until smooth. Simmer over medium heat until just thickened, approximately 4 minutes, stirring often. Stir in the dill, pepper and the seafood mixture. Remove from the heat.

5. For cheese mix, combine ricotta, 3/4 cup of cheddar, Swiss and Parmesan cheese in a small bowl, mixing well.

6. To assemble, place 3 lasagna noodles in prepared baking dish. Spread 1/3 of seafood mix over top, then 1/2 of cheese mix. Repeat for second layer. Top with remaining 3 lasagna noodles and remaining seafood mix. Sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup cheddar cheese over the top. Cover with foil and bake approximately 30 minutes, removing the foil for the last 10 minutes of baking time. Allow to rest for 5 minutes before cutting and serving. ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN

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- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2/3 cup diced red or green bell pepper
- 2/3 cup diced leeks or red
- 1 lb seafood, cut into small pieces
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour • 1 cup seafood or chicken
- 1 1/4 cups 2 % evaporated
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill or
- 1 tbsp dried
- Pinch ground black pepper 1 1/4 cups smooth light ricotta
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 9 cooked lasagna noodles



Drink of the Week

Thyme and Ginger

An ideal mix of savoury and sour, this drink is perfect for a casual evening in with friends. It's easy to make and looks great, too.

- 2 oz Luksusowa
- 2 oz fresh lime juice
- 1/2 oz simple syrup
- 2 oz ginger beer
- fresh thyme to garnish

Shake Luksusowa, lime juice and syrup with ice and pour into a rock glass. Top with ginger beer and garnish with fresh thyme.





Starchy, crunchy, flavourful: Fried Rice & Pickled Radishes

- **1.** Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high. Coat the pan with cooking spray.
- **2.** In a small bowl, lightly beat the eggs. Add a pinch of salt and some pepper to the eggs, then add them to the pan. Tilt the pan to spread the egg all around to make a flat pancake. Cook for 30 to 45 seconds, or until almost set. Turn over the

a cutting board.

3. Add 1/2 tablespoon of the oil to the pan. Once the oil is hot, add the onion. Reduce the heat to medium and cook, stirring

egg (you can cut it in a few pieces to make it easier, using the side of a nonstick pan-safe spatula) and cook for another 10 seconds. Transfer the egg to

occasionally, until the onion is



lightly golden, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add the shrimp and cook, stirring, until almost cooked through, about another 3 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic and ginger and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and return the skillet to

- **4.** Add the remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons of oil to the skillet, then add the rice, pressing it flat with the back of the spatula. Cook until the rice is slightly crispy, turning it over with the spatula, about 8 to 10
- **5.** While the rice is cooking, in a small bowl combine the radishes, vinegar and salt to taste. In a small bowl combine the soy sauce, sake and sesame oil. Chop the egg and add it along with the peas and sugar snap peas to the bowl with the
- **6.** When the rice is nicely crisped, add the contents of the shrimp bowl and the soy sauce mixture to the skillet and cook, stirring, until the mixture is

- · Kosher salt and black pepper
- 2 tbsp canola oil, divided
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 lb peeled and deveined raw shrimp
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tsp grated fresh ginger
- 3 cups cooked brown rice • 2 cups coarsely shredded radishes (about 10 large
- 2 tbsp seasoned rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce • 2 tbsp sake or dry sherry
- 2 tsp sesame oil

radishes)

- 1 cup blanched fresh or thawed frozen peas
- 1 cup blanched sugar snap peas, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

heated through. Transfer the fried rice to 4 bowls and top each portion with some of the

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Dinner. Honey Garlic Surf 'n' Turf Kebabs



- **1.** Place steak chunks in large shallow dish. Pour all but 1/3 cup (75 ml) of honey garlic sauce over steak, turning so that meat is well coated. Cover and marinate in refrigerator for at least one hour or for up to 4 hours. Remove from the fridge and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.
- 2. Remove meat from marinade; discard marinade. Thread steak, shrimp, zucchini, cherry tomatoes and onions onto 8 metal skewers.
- 3. Spray grill with Pam Grilling Spray; heat to medium-high heat. Grill skewers, basting occasionally with remaining honey garlic sauce, turning once, until meat is medium-rare and

shrimp are opaque, about 12 minutes. Make sure to keep grill covered when not basting. NEWS CANADA/ VHSAUCES.CA

- 1 lb (500 g) grilling steak (rib eye, sirloin) cut into 32 large chunks
- 1 jar (341 mL) VH honey garlic sauce
- 1 lb (500 g) jumbo shrimp (about 16), peeled and deveined
- 1 zucchini, cut into chunks
- 1 cup (250 ml) cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 large red onion, cut into wedges
- Pam Grilling Spray

FLEXIBLE PLANS MAKE POINTS PROGRAMS **ATTRACTIVE TO CANADIAN CONSUMERS**

Canadians truly love loyalty programs. The 2011 Colloquy Loyalty Census revealed 120.7 million loyalty memberships in this country — impressive, given that there are less than 35 million Canadians. Canadian Tire money, a proto-points program conceived by the appropriately named Muriel Billes, has been going strong since 1958.

To what do we owe this loyalty to loyalty? You might argue that Canadians aren't the most rebellious people. You might argue that we love a deal — though many countries have more ferocious bartering cultures than ours. It's probably a bit of both. But what makes loyalty programs most attractive for Canadians is their flexibility.

Choice. Options. Big concepts, expressed in a small, but meaningful way through programs from WestJet, Air Miles, Aeroplan, Shoppers Optimum, PC

Points, and hundreds more from banks, credit card companies and other organizations. Some of these programs let you accumulate points for years, if you wish - saving up for that big-ticket item you have dreamed about. What makes that trip or product so special says a lot about

How you earn your points says a lot, too. You do it by being you - by shopping at the places you like to shop, buying the things you like to buy. You can build points by choosing credit, like the Target RBC MasterCard, instead of cash, or by using online retail instead of the traditional kind. Maybe the loyalty program itself is one of the reasons you are shopping there, but these days, almost every vendor has a program of some kind — this is Canada, after all.

Your lifestyle, needs, and personal choices inform how you build points,

and how you redeem them. Aeroplan, for example, allows you to redeem your points not just for plane flights, but other travel-related products and services, such as luggage and car rentals; and even items that have nothing to do with travel, like home furnishings and power tools. You can even donate to charity. While the range of products offered by bookstores, grocery stores or theatres may not be that wide, they are certainly varied

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"Our currency isn't miles or points," says Robert Palmer, manager, public relations. "If you have 300 WestJet dollars in your rewards account, you have the equivalent of \$300 Canadian dollars you can spend with us. No mental gymnastics required."

It's flexible, too. WestJet dollars can be spent on any vacation package or flight the carrier operates, even during seat sales. There are no blackout periods or limited seating. So long as the flight is a new booking, you can use your WestJet dollars to reduce its cost. Like most loyalty programs, WestJet dollars do not cover taxes, fees and charges, but you can use any amount to cover the base fare, starting with as little as 25 WestJet dollars.

As a member of WestJet Rewards, you will earn progressively more WestJet dollars per total spent on WestJet flights in a given year. When your spending reaches certain milestones, WestJet offers bonuses, such as a Jet-Away package, including a companion flight, lounge passes, and

You can also build up WestJet dollars by making purchases with one of two WestJet RBC MasterCards. Cardholders earn up to 1.5 per cent back on any purchase they make unless they are spending on flights or vacation packages with WestJet, in which case they will earn up to two per cent. New applicants receive a welcome bonus of up to 250 WestJet dollars when they make their first purchase with the card. Holders of the WestJet RBC World Elite MasterCard also receive an annual \$99 round-trip companion flight (excluding taxes, fees, and charges), which can be used anywhere WestJet flies within Canada or the contiguous United States.

"The program continues to grow and evolve, offering additional value to our guests," Palmer says. "It's not just about loyalty — it's about working to earn your business every day, then rewarding you for being our guest."

For more about WestJet Rewards, visit westjet.com/rewards.





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LOYALTY HAS ITS REWARDS

DIFFERENT RBC INITIATIVES OFFER A BREADTH OF CHOICE

There once was a time when travel rewards programs were anything but consumer friendly. Fortunately, those days are well behind us.

"With the RBC Rewards program, we put the needs of our customers first," says Donna Lue-Atkinson, RBC's vice-president of global loyalty programs and rewards.

"We recognize the value of flexibility and treating every client as a unique individual. We also want the experience to be easy for clients to use and offer them the range of choice they're looking for in a rewards program."

To demonstrate this breadth of choice, Lue-Atkinson points to different initiatives within RBC Rewards.

"Some people want a highly personalized travel service. For those clients, we have a strategic relationship with Carson Wagonlit Travel. Our customers visit one of their store locations or call in and get the full-service approach they're seeking, redeeming their points at point of sale. Other clients prefer self-service, and for those clients, we have a partnership with Travelocity, a one-stop end-to-end online experience. Customers can book their air travel, car rental, cruises, hotels and more online."

Today's rewards programs don't start and end with travel, however.

"In December 2012, RBC Rewards launched eMall on our website to address the growth of online shopping," Lue-Atkinson says. "Through this portal on our site, consumers can access more than 250 retailers, including Apple, Hudson's Bay, Indigo Books & Music, Gap and Old Navy. By using their RBC Rewards credit card to make purchases, clients get one extra point for every dollar they spend above and beyond their regular rewards.

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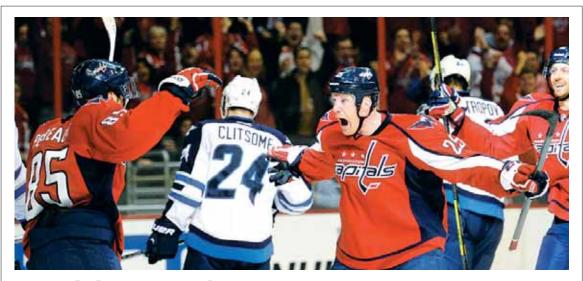
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Capitals keep Jets at bay

Capitals left-winger Jason Chimera, right, celebrates his first-period goal against the Winnipeg Jets with teammate Mathieu Perreault on Tuesday night in Washington. The Capitals won 5-3 to keep the Jets at 51 points, one behind the Ottawa Senators who hold down one of the final two Eastern Conference playoff spots. After Tuesday, the Jets have one game left and the Senators three. NICK WASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stats back up Bautista's anger with the umpires

Irritated by calls.

Since 2010 the Jays' star slugger has gotten nearly 20 more incorrect strike calls than the average player

His flagrant anger probably doesn't do him any favours, but Jose Bautista has good reason to be miffed with majorleague umpires.

Since 2010, the Blue Jays' slugger has received nearly 20 more incorrect strike calls than the average player, according to data compiled exclusively for Torstar News Service.

Every player in the majors deals with bad strike calls, but Bautista gets more than his share.

So far this season (not including Monday's game), Bau-



tista has received 16 called strikes on 94 pitches outside the strike zone, 2.5 more than the average player, according to Baseball Info Solutions, a company that collects and analyzes data from every bigleague game. The company's staff of video scouts chart every pitch using an automated "perfectworld" strike zone analogous to the Pitch F/X system used in every major-league stadium.

Just once this season has Bautista seen a pitch inside the zone incorrectly called a ball.

Last season Bautista received 2.4 more incorrect strike calls than the average player, in 2011 he received 10 more, and in his breakout 2010, he received four more.

Bautista has been criticized this year for how he reacts to perceived bad strike calls.

His own frank explanations have only fanned the flames.

"Sometimes I have trouble more than other players dealing with my production being affected by someone else's mediocrity," he said earlier this month.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Draft in New York City

NFL beefs up security following Boston bombings

The NFL is increasing security for this week's draft at Radio City Music Hall, with everyone subject to screenings, including use of metal detectors and pat-downs, and searches of personal property.

Even league officials, players and their families will be subject to such measures.

The league said Tuesday that spectators who don't consent to the security requirements will be refused admission. The draft begins Thursday night and has sessions Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

All sports events have ramped up security since the Boston Marathon bombings last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chilly game in Minnesota

Arcia, Correia lead Twins over Marlins 4-3

Oswaldo Arcia hit his first career home run and Kevin Correia gave up two runs in seven innings, leading the Minnesota Twins over the Miami Marlins 4-3 Tuesday in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

Arcia's three-run homer in the fourth backed Correia (2-1), who allowed five hits and struck out five. The Twins shrugged off yet another chilly day at Target Field to win their fifth straight. Brian Dozier had three hits, and Glen Perkins earned his sixth save.

Jose Fernandez (0-2) gave up four runs and six hits for the Marlins, who are off to a franchiseworst 4-16 start after an off-season salary purge. Joe Mahoney had two hits and two RBIs for Miami.

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pitches (2.4 more than average player)

2011: 123 strikes on 1249

Number of called strikes

called on Jose Bautista on

pitches outside the strike

game).

zone (prior to Monday night's

2013: 16 strikes on 94

average player)

• 2012: 78 strikes on 751

pitches (2.5 more than

- pitches (10 more than average player)
- 2010: 114 strikes on 1236 pitches (4 more than average player)
- 2009: 54 strikes on 683 pitches (5 fewer than average player)



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Bayern bashes Barca 4-0

Barcelona's Lionel Messi, right, challenges Bastian Schweinsteiger of Bayern Munich during the UEFA Champions League semifinal first leg on Tuesday in Munich. Thomas Mueller scored two goals as Bayern dominated Barcelona in a 4-0 victory. CHRISTOF KOEPSEL/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

Dryden stirs concussion discussion in Calgary

'Biggest issue in sports'.

Habs legend pleads for greater urgency in tackling head injuries

Ken Dryden believes shining the spotlight on concussions is the way to spur meaningful prevention and treatment.

The Hockey Hall of Fame goalie, author and former federal cabinet minister is attempting to clear away the fog surrounding concussions by getting athletes, medical professionals, researchers, coaches and sports administrators in one room in front of the public.

"I think it's the biggest issue of sports and not just hockey, but football, lacrosse and rugby and even soccer," Dryden said Monday night at a sports-concussions panel at the University of Calgary.

"I love the phrase 'Where there's a will, there's a way.' But



Ken Dryden speaks at a sports-concussions symposium in Calgary on M LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

in an awful lot of very difficult, tricky questions, and this is one of them, it's the reverse that's more true. I need to see some way before I'm ready to commit more will. ... I think that's where we are. This is a question that needs a lot more way, a lot more answers."

The 65-year-old won six

Stanley Cups and five Vezina Trophies while playing for the Montreal Canadiens in the

Post-hockey, Dryden authored several books, including The Game, and was a Liberal Member of Parliament from 2004 to 2011.

Ken Dryden believes there will be catastrophic repercussions if the sports community doesn't get to the bottom of concussions.

"I think that this is one of those big questions like cigarette smoking was 40 or 50 years ago that we look back on now and we wonder how we could have been so stupid," he said. "I think this is the one, in sports, that 40 or 50 years from now, people will look back at us and wonder, 'What was wrong with them? How didn't they get it? Why were they so stupid?'

... We need to get at it. That means scientists and coaches and players and parents and administra-

NBA

Source says Cavs about to bring back coach Brown

Mike Brown and the Cavaliers are getting back together.

Brown, who led the Cavs to the playoffs in all five seasons he coached them from 2005-10, has agreed in principle to a contract to return as their coach for a second time, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Brown has not yet signed his new deal, but has agreed to take the job, according to the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because negotiations were ongoing.

Brown went 272-138 with the Cavs and, teaming with LeBron James, made a run to the NBA finals in 2007. He was fired after the Cavs lost to Boston in the 2010 Eastern Conference semifinals, shortly before James decided he was leaving Cleveland as a free agent.

Brown spent one full season with the Lakers, but was fired by Los Angeles five games into this

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NBA. Pacers' George sees no limits to his potential after winning MIP award

Pacers forward Paul George spent the past summer turning himself into a better player.

Now he's planning to dedicate himself to becoming the NBA's best all-around player.

A few minutes after accepting the league's Most Improved Player Award, the sixfoot-nine swingman promised to work even harder to attain the biggest rewards of all - an NBA title and perhaps an MVP.

"I think I can play at an MVP level. I think that's very much within reach," George said Tuesday. "For me, it's all about being consistent and having that aggressive mindset."

George has already emerged as one of the league's top young players, which explains his runaway victory in the balloting. He received 52 of 120 first-place votes and 311 points, more than double the total of New Orleans' Greivis Vasquez, who had 13 first-place votes and 146 points. Milwaukee's Larry Sanders was third with 141 points and was one of three players to receive 10 first-place votes.

As part of the award, a 2012 Kia Sorrento will be donated to the Hawthorne Community Center, George's hand-picked



the Most Improved Player Award on Tuesday in Indianapolis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

George is also expected to be one of the top vote-getters for the Defensive Player of the Year Award, an honour Pacers coach Frank Vogel lobbied hard for Tuesday.

The question is whether George has what it takes to challenge for the league's top individual honour.

"With the physical talent he has, with the drive he has, there's no ceiling for him," Vogel said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA **NBA PLAYOFFS**

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS MILWAUKEE (8)

(Miami leads series 1-0) Tuesday's result Milwaukee at Miami

NEW YORK (2) VS BOSTON (7)

(New York leads series 1-0) Boston at New York

INDIANA (3) VS ATLANTA (6)

(Indiana leads series 1-0) Wednesday's game Atlanta at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN (4) VS CHICAGO (5)

(Series tied 1-1) Monday's result Chicago 90 Brooklyn 82 Thursday's game Brooklyn at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) VS HOUSTON (8)

(Oklahoma City leads series 1-0) Wednesday's game Houston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS L.A. LAKERS (7) (San Antonio leads series 1-0)

Sunday's result San Antonio 91 L.A. Lakers 79 Wednesday's game L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

DENVER (3) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)

(Denver leads series 1-0) Tuesday's result

L.A. CLIPPERS (4) VS MEMPHIS (5) (L.A. Clippers leads series 2-0)

Monday's result L.A. Clippers 93 Memphis 91 Thursday's game L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

z-Pittsburgh	45	35	10	0	0	153	109	70
dx-Boston	44	27	12	2	3	123	97	59
d-Washington	45	25	18	2	0	140	123	52
x-Montreal	45	27	13	3	2	139	120	59
x-Toronto	45	25	15	0	5	138	124	55
NY Islanders	45	24	16	4	1	134	131	53
NY Rangers	45	24	17	0	4	120	106	52
Ottawa	45	23	16	2	4	109	99	52
Winnipeg	46	24	19	0	3	123	135	51
New Jersey	45	17	18	3	7	106	121	44
Buffalo	46	19	21	2	4	119	140	44
Philadelphia	45	20	22	1	2	124	137	43
Carolina	45	18	24	2	1	118	145	39
Tampa Bay	45	17	24	1	3	140	141	38
Florida	45	13	26	5	1	104	162	32

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z-Chicago	45	34	6	0	5	147	97	73
y-Anaheim	46	29	11	3	3	134	112	64
y-Vancouver	46	26	13	1	6	124	111	59
x-Los Angeles	45	26	14	1	4	128	111	57
San Jose	45	24	14	3	4	118	109	55
St. Louis	45	26	17	1	1	119	112	54
Minnesota	45	24	18	1	2	116	119	51
Columbus	46	22	17	3	4	114	117	51
Detroit	45	21	16	3	5	113	112	50
Dallas	45	22	19	3	1	127	133	48
Phoenix	45	19	18	3	5	114	122	46
Calgary	45	19	22	1	3	123	149	42
Edmonton	45	17	21	4	3	111	127	41
Nashville	45	15	21	3	6	104	128	39
Colorado	45	15	23	5	2	109	142	37

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Tuesday's results

Montreal at New Jersey NY Islanders at Carolina Winnipeg at Washington Buffalo at Pittsburgh Boston at Philadelphia NY Rangers at Florida Buffalo at Pittsburgh Colorado at St. Louis Calgary at Nashville Los Angeles at Minnesota Dallas at San Jose Monday's late results

Vancouver 3 Chicago 1
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 n m San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

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Houston

Minnesota 4 Miami 3 (first game) Cleveland at Chicago White Sox (ppd., rain) Kansas City at Detroit (ppd., rain) Oakland at Roston

Toronto at Baltimore N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay

Miami at Minnesota (second game) Seattle at Houston

Texas at L.A. Angels

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern Toronto at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.

Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m. Seattle at Houston, 2:10 p.m. Oakland at Boston, 4:05 p.m. Kansas City at Detroit, 7:05 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m. Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's results

Atlanta 4 Colorado 3 (first game) Pittsburgh at Philadelphia St. Louis at Washington L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Atlanta at Colorado (second game) Milwaukee at San Diego Arizona at San Francisco



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Relax, it's Acura 2014 RLX



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2014 Acura RLX

- **Type.** Four-door front-wheel drive mid-luxury sedan
- Engines (hp). 3.5 litre SOHC V6 (310)
- Transmissions. Six-speed automatic with paddleshift controls
- Base price (incl. destination)

Design

The first thing you notice about the RLX is its handsome sheet metal. The car's Honda roots are definitely showing, but it easily beats the rest of Acura's sedan fleet when it comes to appearance. Perhaps surprisingly, its overall dimensions — length, width and height — differ only slightly from the RL.



Weight

The rigid body structure uses considerable amounts of high-strength steel that, combined with numerous aluminum body panels, helps keep the car below the 1,820-kilogram mark. That's roughly 45 kilograms lighter than the RL.

Engine

The RLX clings to its V6 roots by using a 310-horse-power 3.5-litre unit that produces 272 pound-feet of torque. By comparison, the RL's 3.7-litre V6 made 300 horsepower and 271 pound-feet of torque. The engine prefers premium fuel, but the RLX is rated at 10.5 l/100 km in the city and 6.4 on the highway.

Review. RLX's 'takaburi' all begins with a wild set of headlights

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"Takaburi" is the word Acura's project leader Yousuke Sekino uses in describing the 2014 RLX sedan. It means "exhilarating" in Japanese and if any car in Honda's premium division fits that description, this is it

Acura has been noticeably bereft of a truly top-level flagship model with that 'takaburi' feeling for some time. The long-in-the-tooth RL sedan that resembled a slightly enlarged Accord from two generations ago never really cut it with those seeking flash and dash.

The replacement RLX, arriving by early spring, likely won't pry anyone from their status-mobiles models displaying three-pointed stars, interconnected rings or airplane-propeller logos. But at least Acura offers some com-

pelling reasons for having the valet gang park one for you in its assigned stall.

The RLX's more aggressively styled front fenders, smoothed-out grille and unique multi-reflector headlight pods contribute to a distinctly premium look.

Much of the between-thewheels increase gives the RLX an impressive amount of rearseat legroom that puts its key Japanese and German competitors to shame.

The rest of the interior also impresses, with an elegant dashboard and control-panel layout, inviting and supportive leather-covered seats and a floor console that can be opened from the driver or passenger's side.

Although not obvious in flat-out driving, the RLX certainly feels poised and precise in tight turns and provides a no-sweat experience when braking at high speeds.

The RLX arrives with an abundance of people-pampering content, but you will need to shell out more than the \$50,000 base price to add



a number of collision-mitigating features, the navigation system, premium leather package and your choice of

The RLX is a giant leap forward for Acura and is comparable to more established luxury brands in style and content, with a smidgen of "takaburi" tossed in for good measure.

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Check up vital on stylish R8

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When Audi's mid-engine R8 performance car hit the road in 2009, it was pasted in poster form onto the bedroom walls of drooling teenaged car-buffs around the globe while earning a reputation for being an extreme performance machine with incredible driving dynamics and every-day usability.

Feature content included navigation, a Bang and Olufsen stereo system, Bluetooth, MMI Interface, driver computer, heated leather and plenty more. A backup camera with distance sensors was available, too. All models are two-seaters with a trunk in the front and a V8 or V10 engine in the middle.

Common Issues

Start your visit with a used R8 candidate by inspecting the vehicle's tires and brakes. Ensure the seller isn't passing off a set of rubber or brake pads and rotors that are in need of replacement. A tire tread-depth gauge can help. Squealing brakes are a sign of wear and a mechanical inspection at an Audi dealer should be considered mandatory.

Check all interior electronics twice - paying



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attention to the MMI system and ensuring it activates, boots up and manipulates various functions properly. Ensure no "check engine" or 'service vehicle" notifications are present in the instrument cluster. Shift the manual transmission quickly, ensuring the clutch "bites" hard, and works without slippage. Some owners report electronic dialing-back of engine power when shifting quickly if the clutch is slipping, which is intended to increase durability. Finally, inspect the R8's paint for signs of blotchiness.

This range-topping Audi got Quattro AWD teamed to a 4.2 litre, 420-horsepower V8 and a six-speed manual transmission as standard kit. Shoppers could opt for an up-level V10 engine, which bumped displacement to 5.2 litres and horsepower to 525. An "R-Tronic" auto-clutch gearbox was available on both models.

What owners like

Owners love the exclusivity, style, performance and bragging-rights that come as part of the R8's package. Ease of entry and exit and an everyday-comfortable ride

What owners dislike

Limited cargo storage and a sometimesfussy MMI interface are among the most common owner complaints.

Verdict

Reliability information is largely inconclusive on used R8 models in the first half of this generation — though they are a hot item in the used market nonetheless. Opt for a model with as much of its factory warranty remaining as possible to be safe. Extended warranty, if available, may protect against high repair bills down the line, too.

Fix your bad car-care habits one at a time

Five useful tips.

Follow these pieces of advice to improve the longevity of your vehicle and save cash

Breaking bad habits can be hard, especially if you don't even know you have one. It's the same when it comes to car

Many of us aren't aware when we commit a car-care faux pas which could affect the look and longevity of our vehicle. Autoglym, a company specializing in car care products, offers the following advice to correct

some common bad habits:

1. Clean your car consistently throughout the year.

Create a routine and set a specific day to wash your vehicle. Washing your car at least once or twice a month is recommended to maintain a superior finish.

2. Don't skip the polish and wax. If you fail to polish and wax your car every few months, opting only to wash it, you're only doing half the job — so make sure you do it right. Combining the polishing and waxing steps every few months are essential for your car's care. Polishing is an important step to repair and revive your car's

shine, while waxing protects

your car's paintwork against environmental factors and weather conditions. A quick way to maintain your wax on the go is to apply Autoglym's Aqua Wax. With this, there's no need to dry your car after washing, saving you time and

3. Make sure to clean your tires.

Cleaning your wheels is a quick and easy way to improve the overall look of your car. Not only does it make them look great, but regular cleaning prevents the build-up of brake dust, which if left will become difficult to remove. Don't neglect your tires either — a high quality dressing will refresh old rubber, leaving it like new.

4. A little elbow grease in the undercarriage goes a long way

It's not just about the paint clean the undercarriage of your car frequently. If you don't, rusting won't be your only problem, as the metal in your frame can become brittle and lead to an expensive bill on your next safety inspection.

5. Deal with the problem spots immediately

Don't leave cleaning bird droppings and dirt until later, as these problem spots will become harder to remove the longer you leave them on your car. Tree sap is particularly damaging, as it dries very hard and attaches itself to your car with a tar-like bond. NEWS CANADA





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Designers to China: You have our attention

Autopilot. The huge Chinese vehicle market will, inevitably, influence what ends up on our roads



AUTO PILOT Mike Goetz drive@metronews.ca

The Shanghai motor show on this week further confirms the importance of the Chinese market to today's global automakers.

They showed up in droves bearing metaphorical boxes of chocolates and actual concepts and production cars. And why wouldn't they?

Good to be big

China is by far the single largest vehicle market in the world — selling more than 20 million units a year. The next biggest market, the U.S., is about 15 million. GM sells more vehicles in China (about 2.8 million) than it does in America.

Size is just one thing. Potential is another. In the U.S. there



are currently 800 cars for every 1,000 people. That's one saturated market. In China, it's currently about 50 to 80 vehicles per every 1,000 people. That's upside with hot sauce. In five years China's annual market is expected to top 35 million units

It's a free for all

And what's making automakers even more crazy about China is that the market is still up for grabs. No dominant player. Lots of domestic and foreign players investing in production and retail facilities. Lots of current and future segment races to be won and lost.

Driving the design bus

Net result: A massive amount of intellectual and monetary design capital is being focused on China at the moment, and that will reverberate across all global markets.

This is not to say that the Chinese market will darken the design light in other markets, only that what's going on in China will surely influence global design trends. There's no way it can't.

At the very least, we here in the North American market get to "yea or nay" automotive designs that are already fleshed out and/or contemplated for China.

Take for example the Nissan Friend-ME concept, which had its world debut at Shanghai. Nissan says it has been expressly designed to appeal to the world's largest single market demographic — the approximately 240 million Chinese born in the 1980s, tagged as the "Balinghou."

Because of China's "one

child" policy, the majority of the Balinghou demographic are males without siblings. They are in their mid-20s now and ready to buy. (They might be somewhat over parented too, but let's not go there today.) "Clearly, their tastes will

"Clearly, their tastes will shape automotive trends worldwide for decades to come," said Nissan's product strategy chief, Francois Bancon, in a press release.

Because they grew up without siblings, and leisure time with peers is treasured, Nissan figured the Friend-Me could give these Balinghou males a private-yet-connected space to hang out with peers, and a "balanced" design that allows them to "stand out" and "fit in" at the same time. And speaking to China's growing urbanity, another aim of the design is to be a "confident creature of the night, meant to be seen in bright city lights."

I don't know how much you, or I, have in common with a 20-something male in China, who has no siblings but loads of personal and familial expectations, but it you watch automotive design over the next few years, we might find out.

Complex car components can be costly

Driving force. Auto parts: The more they make, the less they cost

JIL MCINTOSH

A car may be expensive to buy, but it's also expensive to build. In addition to the cost of raw materials, plant overhead and labour, automakers also have to consider the design and development of each component.

"Before we stamp out the first part, there are significant costs associated with design, product validation, capital equipment and tooling that must be paid for up front, or agreed to be amortized across the production run," says Patrick Kinsie, executive director of global business development for Multimatic Inc., which makes various parts for several auto companies.

While simple parts will have relatively smaller

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"There are companies that run profits making a handful of handbuilt engines, but they charge a much higher price for them."

Patrick Kinsie, executive director of global business development for Multimatic Inc..

start-up costs, the price for complex ones can be astronomical. Developing a completely new engine or transmission can be as much as \$500 million to \$1 billion.

Car companies spread these enormous costs over volume production, including numerous variants. An engine design may stick around for some 15 years, with engineers creating new or differently-sized engines based on its architecture. There will still be considerable cost involved for these, but it will be much less than starting from scratch.

Vehicle platforms are designed so they can be used

to create several new models with common componentry, spreading the initial cost and recouping it as soon as possible.

Depending on the part, automakers may produce it in-house or work with independent suppliers. There are many ways these companies work together, including the car manufacturer handing over a production-ready design for the supplier to build, or providing the size and performance requirements and having the supplier design and develop it, known in the trade as full black-box design.

New designs are initially made into prototypes to make sure they'll work properly, and if they're structural, they will need to be crash-tested. Once the parts are validated, expensive dies are made to stamp them out in large quantities.

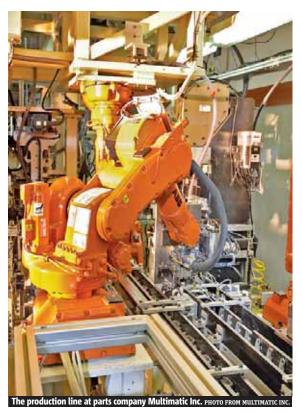
"There are companies that run profits making a handful of hand-built engines, but they charge a much higher price for

Methods used

Automakers often use generic parts from suppliers for much of their hardware, such as window motors or trunk hinges, but use proprietary parts for differentiation in powertrain and design.

- Working together. Some car companies work jointly on major projects, such as the "world engines" designed by Chrysler, Hyundai and Mitsubishi, spreading the cost of the basic architecture.
- Standards. Global vehicles sold in Canada must meet federal requirements, including safety standards, metric instruments and bilingual labels and manuals, which add to their cost.

them," Kinsie says. "In a mainstream vehicle, the automaker will want to make it in the millions to get that unit amortization down to a reasonable level."





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have, must-read book that would be a welcome addition to any enthusiast's library. A one-year subscription costs \$100 a year in Canada and can be ordered at autoquar-

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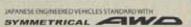














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April 21 - May 21

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II Gemini May 22 - June 21

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June 22 - July 23

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Ω Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may have strong opinions about certain issues but if you are smart, you won't make a big deal of them. Even if facts and figures are on your side just keep quiet and let others argue among themselves.

W Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 You will say too much today.

With your ruler Mercury nicely linked to Jupiter, planet of excess, you just can't keep your mouth shut. And why should you when you're right?

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

According to the planets, you are in the mood to say and do things that shock. That's OK but make sure you know what the possible consequences could be, especially the financial consequences.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be feeling quietly confident about your chances but if you are wise you won't take anything for granted over the next 48 hours.

プ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Honesty is your best policy today, even if it means telling a friend something they may not want to hear. Jupiter, your ruler, will help you say it in a way that doesn't hurt their feelings.

り Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If it feels right to make a snap decision today then do so. Even if you are acting on limited information there is every chance you will reach the right conclusion, and maybe hit the jackpot financially too.

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You need to make a decision about your work but you are torn between two different approaches. How do you resolve this dilemma? A second opinion will help you establish your own opinion.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You will need to put on a brave face, especially if you get news that seems to be the opposite of what you were hoping to hear. The key word there is "seems", because most likely it is good news. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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Across

1. "__ I Say" by Ray Charles 6. Cooking amt. 10. Shania Twain's No Quitter" 14. "Well, golly!!" 15. Competed,

> race 16. Midday 17. Movie reviewer: 2 wds.

19. Fair 20. Gull-like bird 21. Money in

Mexico 23. World Series orq.

26. Finales _, Oklahoma 28.

32. Tenner, in time 34. Scotch stuff; it's sticky

37. Job, for short 38. Chat 39. "Rio" band,

when doubled 40. Rocker Mr. Adams, to pals 41. Who writes Metro's In Focus

column?: 2 wds. 45. 6's phone letters

46. Ornamental containers

47. Base 49. Eggs come in one [abbr.]

50. San ___, Italy 51. Fabric softener brand

53. Fashion mag 55. Unaccompanied 57. Greek alphabet's 17th letter

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58. Drawn dog 61. Dove sounds

63. Canadian telecom company 66. On-camera acting

audition: 2 wds. 71. Seed's protector 72. 'Bulg' add-on

(Country in Europe) 73. "Best_ Had" by

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Drake 74. Count on

75. Trevor __ (Tonywinning Cats director) 76. Antique-style water carriers

Down

How to play

involved.

1. Panda-symbol org.

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digits 1-9. There is no math

2. Masses, with Polloi 3. Pointy tool

51

4. Canadian coffee chain, affectionately

5. Like some backyards

6. Set of three 7. Ghost's pet 8. Cut

9. Walking speed

10. Variety of pear 11. Promise to pay

12. Yeses opposites 13. AC/DC song:

18. Written†symbol of yore

22. Shorthand, shortly 23. Summer hrs. in Alberta

24. Foo Fighters song: Flv

25. CFL players in the West: acronym + wd. 27. MGM and Paramount, and others 29. East Coast catch

30. Newfoundland rum 31. 'Delic' suffix

33. US dog org.

35. Bows

36. excellence 39. Snare, for one

42. Bible king

43. 'Passion' suffix 44. Function

45. 1200 in ancient

Rome 48. Tip to 'pia' (Nearsightedness)

51. Ice mass

52. Canuck coin 54. Canadian actress

Ms. Parker 56. "Caribbean Queen" singer Billy

59. "This expected surprise!" 60. Light brown

62. K-__ ('Twilight' flicks actress, nicknamed)

63. Chocolate 64. Earlier, olde-style

65. Abner of comics 67. Tin Tin's lead-in

68. Adam and 69. Religious address,

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